during the last three years was as under :—

Year	Rice	Dal	Sugar (October—September)
1991-92 . .	74.68	12.02	13.41
1992-93 . .	72.61	13.60	10.61
1993-94(Provisional)	79.01	14.21	9.81

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Subsidy Provided to FCI

2767. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy provided to the Food Corporation of India on food items has been increased during 1994-95 in comparison to the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase made therein and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the per quintal economic cost of wheat, rice and sugar evaluated by the Food Corporation of India during the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Food subsidy provided/released to the Food Corporation of India during the last four years was as follows:—

Year	Rs. Crores
1991-92	2850
1992-93	2785
1993-94	5537
1994-95(BE)	4000

Increase in subsidy is mainly attributable to increase in the procurement cost of grains, delayed and partial passing on of the increased costs to Public Distribution System consumers, increase in interest charges, increase in freight charges and some arreas of subsidy for previous years.

(c) The required information is as follows:—

(Rate Rs. per qtl.)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Levy Sugar
1990-91 . .	356.50	457.52	640.76
1991-92 . .	390.79	497.04	695.65
1992-93 . .	504.10	585.07	763.88
1993-94 . .	532.03	665.10	864.12
1994-95 (BE) .	571.71	701.91	903.49 (RE)

Import of Sugar

2768. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is total quantity and value of sugar imported both by private sector and public sector undertakings, after Government decided to import sugar;

(b) the names of private dealers who imported the sugar, the quantity and value imported by them, and the country from where they have imported;

(c) whether it is a fact that the foreign suppliers hiked the price of sugar immediately after the Central Government decided to import sugar;

(d) whether Government have contacted respective Indian Embassies to find out whether prices of sugar in respective countries in their domestic markets has also gone up during the period; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to consider getting reports about the prevailing sugar prices during the relevant period from Indian Embassies, during the period of imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per reports received from Ministry of Surface Transport and other sources, about 9.37 lakh tonnes sugar has been imported by various private parties. The rate/value of sugar imported by private parties under Open General Licence is not available with the Government. As regards Public Sector, State Trading Corporation of India Limited and Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. have also imported about 9.77 lakh tonnes of sugar at an average CIF rate of about US $ 387 per metric tonne.

(b) As per available information a statement showing the names of private parties together with the quantity of sugar imported by them under Open General Licence is annexed, (*See* below). The details regarding rate, country of origin etc. are not available with the Government.

(c) The London Daily Price of sugar was US $ 340 per tonne FOB on 15th March, 1994 when Government announced its decision to put import of sugar under Open General Licence. However, the sugar prices thereafter fluctuated

within the range of US $ 338.50 to 347.30 per tonne during the remaining period of March, 1994. The average London Daily Price (LDP) during the months of March, April, May, June, July, August and September, 1994 has been US $ 340.38, US $ 328.92. US $ 347.64, US $ 358.48, US $ 342.65, US $ 344.30 and US $ 340.05, respectively.

(d) and (e) The Sugar Prices in the International Market are governed by the overall world demand and supply position and are influenced by the emerging demands or surplus supplies in various regions of the world. As such, the sugar prices quoted in the International Markets have no direct delation to the prevailing domestic sugar prices in the particular country of origin.

Statement

Names of Private Parties and the Quantity of Sugar Imported by them under open general licence

Sl. No.	Name of the importing party	Quantity imported
1	Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd. New Delhi.	92,995
2	Great Easter Shipping Company Ltd., Mumbai.	1,29,765
3	Kesar Enterprises Ltd., Mumbai	16,102
4	Bhopal Sugar Industries Ltd.	1,29,778.54
5	G. P. Trading (p) Ltd., Mumbai	28,088
6	M/s. Bheda Brothers, Mumbai and M/s. Bheda & Co. Mumbai	7,887
7	M/s. Jayanti Kumar, Mumbai	2,005
8	Anant Rai & Hari Vallabhdas (p) Ltd., Mumbai	4,512
9	Meteor(p) Ltd., Mumbai	3,008
10	Adam & Co. Mumbai	11,229.6
11	Shadi Ram & Sons, Mumbai.	6,076.8
12	Alphamata Trade(p) Ltd., Mumbai.	284.3
13	Jantez Commercial Enterprises Ltd., Mumbai	218.7
14	Kothari Sugars & Chemicals Ltd. Chennai.	20,549
15	Asia Sugar & Chemicals, New Delhi.	36,396
16	Balrampur Chini Mills Ltd., Calcutta.	24,275
17	Essar world Trade Ltd., Mumbai.	40,520.51
18	R. Pyarelal Import & Export Ltd. Calcutta.	12,598
19	Kothari Fermentation & Biochem Corporation Ltd., Calcutta.	10,700
20	Trinsukhia Trading Co., Calcutta.	2,027
21	Royal Trading Corpn. Ltd., Calcutta.	1,615
22	Prime Promoter, Calcutta.	2,700
23	India-Pakistan Border (Names of Parties not known)	17,232
24	Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd., New Delhi.	14,029
25	Kothari Soya Ltd., Mumbai	30,297
26	Upper Gangdes Sugar Industries Ltd., Calcutta.	12,648
27	Meteor Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.	1,405
28	I. T. C. Global Holding (p) Ltd., New Delhi, etc.	12,657
29	Meteor(p) Ltd., & Kesar Enterprises Ltd., Mumbai	14,179
30	Deepak Vegetable, All Seasons Ltd., etc..	14,140
31	Grand Commercial Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.	7,500
32	Thiru Arooran Sugar Ltd., Chennai	14,053
33	Allansons Ltd., Mumbai, etc.	12,086.75
34	Ginners & Pressers Ltd., Mumbai	2,009
35	G. Premji Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, etc.	6,217
36	Shamanur Kallappa & Sons	—

Sl. No.	Name of the importing party	Quantity imported
37	GRML Exports, Calcutta.	2,000
38	Nirmal Kumar Calcutta.	1,700
39	Khaitan Agro Complex, Calcutta.	13,074
40	Jindal Super Dal Mills, Delhi	1,754.90
41	Singhal Agro Industries Ltd., Delhi	1,754.90
42	18 Small Vessel from Srilanka.	4,259
43	Prime Promoter, P. P. Enterprises & etc. Calcutta.	8,000
44	G. P. Shipping Co. Ltd. Mumbai	14,179
45	Adam & Co. Liberty Allana & Sons Mumbai	4,011
46	Tanna Traders, Allana Sons, Liberty Oil Mumbai	1,853.20
47	Allana Sons & Co. Mumbai	6,017
48	Chetan Kumar & Co. Mumbai	501
49	Tristar Soya Products Ltd., Mumbai	1,304
50	Ahsan Export & Others	12,309.80
51	Meteor Pvt. Ltd., Bishan swaroop Ram Kishan, Delhi.	3,007.587
52	Ashan Export, Mumbai	1,855.18
53	D. C. Group, Nirmal Bhune, Calcutta	5,500
54	Alan & Co.	630
55	J. K. International, New Delhi.	2,459
56	Bishan Swaroop Ram Kishan New Delhi. & Meteor Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.	11,000
57	Navcom Oil products	3,409.52
58	Shri Ram Enterprises, New Delhi.	13,176.8
59	Shadi Ram & Sons & Poonam Dal & Mills	11,893.35
60	Peerless Developers Ltd.	13,792
		14,404.528*
		12,000*
		2,508*
		12,168*
		13,294*
		9,36,702.03

* The party to which this quantity relates is not known.

Source : Ministry of Surface Transport.

Delicensing Sugar and Alcohol Industries

2769. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state whether Government have any plans to delicence the sugar and alcohol industries so that farmers can switch over to more productive crops and either set up sugar mills or intermediate extraction units or resort to brewing wine as a cottage industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : The manufacture of industrial alcohol has been delicenced, vide Press Note No.2 dated 14-2-1992. However, the manufacture of potable alcohol is still under compulsory licensing. There is no proposal under consideration at present for delicensing of potable alcohol.

As regards sugar, the present licensing arrangements, including the option of delicensing, is being reviewed by the Government.

Recommendation of FCI Director for Cancellation of Import of Sugar

2770. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Miniser of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Director of FCI has recently recommended for the cancellation of import of sugar ;

(b) if so, the details of the points raised by Director FCI in this respect ;

(c) whether the import of sugar at present is affecting foreign reserves ; and

(d) if so, the plans of Government in this regard?